(d) whether the action of Government are unwanted and goes against the FDI guidelines and if so, action taken against erring officials for violating FDI norms?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) M/s Balaji Telefilms in its application before the FIPB had itself sought limited FDI and had conveyed that the shareholding of Asian Broadcasting Ltd. will not exceed 25.99%. FIPB has already approved the proposal.

(d) Does not arise.

Appointment of retired judges

2712. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that to meet immediate requirements and clear the arrears, certain High Courts propose to appoint retired judges on *ad-hoc* basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such a proposal would also be implemented in the lower courts which have built up huge arrears;

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANSRAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Under article 235 of the Constitution of India, the administrative control over the members of subordinate Judicial Service vest with the concerned High Court. Further, in exercise of powers conferred under proviso to article 309 read with articles 233 and 234 of the Constitution, the State Government frames rules and regulations in consultation with the High Court. The members of the State Judicial Service are governed by these rules and regulations. Therefore, the service conditions, including

appointment, promotion etc., of judicial offices of the District/Subordinate Courts are governed by the respective State Governments. The Central Government is not concerned with any of the functions in this regard.

(d) Does not arise.

Status of Parliamentary Secretaries

2713. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chief Parliamentary Secretaries and Parliamentary Secretaries hold the status of Minister/Minister of State/Deputy Minister;

(b) if so, whether some State Governments have appointed Chief Parliamentary Secretaries and Parliamentary Secretaries in excess of the number of Ministers as provided in the amended provisions of the Constitution of India; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government for violation of the constitutional provisions?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) The requisite information is not readily available and the same will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Cases of bouncing of cheques

2714. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of cases pending in the various courts are related to bounced cheques amounting to Rs. 50 crore's or even more;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what are the steps taken so far by Government for resolving these cases in time bound period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid down on the table of the house.